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**Administrative Determination (AD)/Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
BLM Administrative Site at Unalakleet**

Applicant: Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage Field Office
Case File No.: AA-92476
DOI-BLM-AK-010-2011-0016-DNA



Location:

USS 8731, Block 29-2, Lot 1 and Block 38-2, Lot 2,
Section 34, T. 18 S., R. 11 W., Kateel River Meridian

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Administrative Determination (AD)
Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
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A. BLM Office: Anchorage Field Office **Lease/Serial Case File No.:** AA-92476

Proposed Action Title/Type: Authorization of a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Administration Site

Location of Proposed Action: USS 8731, Block 29-2, Lot 1 and Block 38-2, Lot 2, Sec. 34, T. 18 S., R. 11 W., Kateel River Meridian, within the town of Unalakleet.

Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to issue a right-of-way grant for an existing BLM administration site for 30 years with the option for renewal. This will allow BLM and the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to continue use of the administration site. EA040-0002 was completed for the original withdrawal and exchange for this site. This DNA is based off of that EA.

This site contains of a warehouse, shop, connex storage container, fuel tanks, and ADF&G buildings including a bunkhouse and storage facilities. There is an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ADF&G and BLM to share this site.

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B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

The proposed action is consistent with the Northwest Management Framework Plan completed in 1982.

Further, the Proposed Action is in conformance with the Northwest Management Framework Plan (MFP) dated October 5, 1982, activity objective Lands L 2.1. Objective L 2.1 states that leases may be granted on a case-by-case basis where there would be no adverse impacts on subsistence resources.

C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action.

AK-040-90-EA-0002; Proposed BLM Unalakleet Administrative Site withdrawal located within USS 8731, Block 29-2, Lot 1 and Block 38-2, Lot 2, Sec. 34, T. 18 S., R. 11 W., Kateel River Meridian.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

- 1. Is the current Proposed Action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current Proposed Action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?**

Both this proposed action and the proposed action in AK-040-90-EA-0002 address the environmental consequences of utilizing this land for an administrative site located within USS 8731, Block 29-2, Lot 1 and Block 38-2, Lot 2, Sec. 34, T. 18 S., R. 11 W., Kateel River Meridian.

- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

Yes, with the exception that this withdrawal is already in place and the Bureau of Land Management is attempting to extend the life of this administration site.

- 3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?**

The existing analysis was done in February 1990. No new information has been received and no circumstances have changed since the February 1990 analysis.

- 4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current Proposed Action?**

Yes, AK-040-90-EA-0002 analyzed the environmental effects of this administration site in USS 8731, Block 29-2, Lot 1 and Block 38-2, Lot 2, Sec. 34, T. 18 S., R. 11 W., Kateel River Meridian.

- 5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action?**

Yes the direct and indirect impacts are the same and the analysis in AK-040-90-EA-0002 is site specific to the same location as the proposed action. Both the proposed action and the proposed action in AK-040-90-EA-002 address the administrative site located within Unalakleet in USS 8731, Block 29-2, Lot 1 and Block 38-2, Lot 2, Sec. 34, T. 18 S., R. 11 W., Kateel River Meridian.

6. **Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?**

Yes.

7. **Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?**

Yes.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:

The proposed actions under AK-040-06-EA-028 and under this DNA were reviewed by all Anchorage Field Office specialists and cultural resource, Threatened and Endangered Species and Subsistence clearances were obtained in support of this DNA.

F. Mitigation Measures:

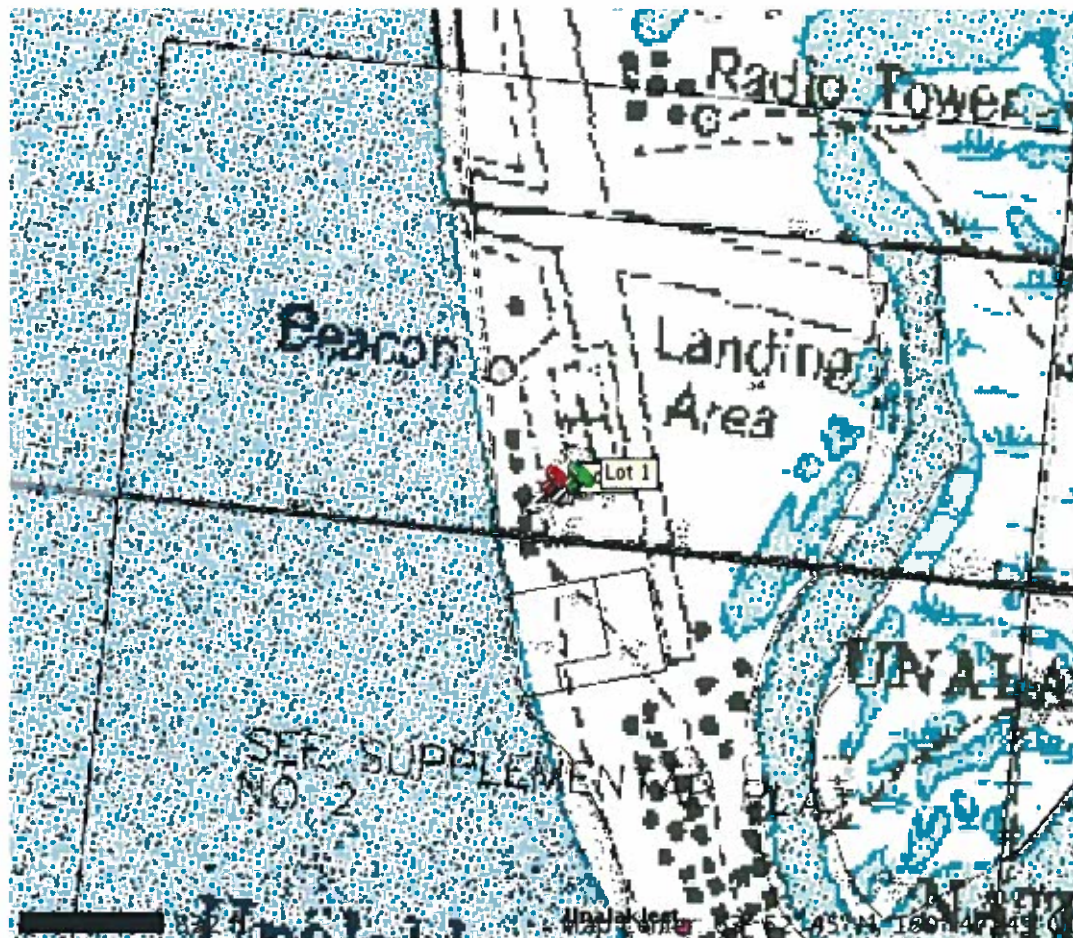
None

G. Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Acting
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8-10-2011
Date



Location of the BLM Administrative Sites at Unalakleet.